

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The next term in the Law School at Yale begins on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The Rev. S. B. Rawson has accepted the professorship of Ancient Languages in St. Lawrence University.

The Industrial University at Champaign, Ill., is trying energetically but unsuccessfully to find a professor of agriculture.

The Pittsburgh Conservatory or Music is to be conducted hereafter in connection with the Pittsburgh Female College.

Sir Titus Salt and Sir A. Fairbairn have each contributed \$5,000 toward establishing a College in Yorkshire, England.

Mr. W. J. Roberts of Detroit has won the Trinity College gold medal for a prize oration. The silver medal was awarded to Mr. Buffington of Kittanning, Penn.

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The New-Haven Journal and Courier says that the lack of students is really what is killing two-thirds of our Western college institutions. Until the Western States are more thickly settled, or two-thirds of the Western colleges cease to exist, there is no possibility of a first-class institution of learning in that region.

A new college society, entitled "Die Hollis Tasse," has been formed at Harvard, the membership of which has been limited to the Senior class. The large central room in the Agassiz museum, intended for the reception of mounted specimens, is neatly completed. Two other rooms for the same purpose are to be added.

At a recent meeting of the Yale Corporation it was voted to break ground in the Spring for the new Chapel and Peabody Museum. The former will be located in the corner between Durfee and Farham Halls, fronting the campus. It was voted to commemorate the graduates who died in the war by memorial windows in the new chapel. The old chapel will be removed and turned into lecture and recitation rooms.

By a vote of the trustees of Olivet College, the Executive Committee is authorized, at its discretion, to remit the tuition of deserving young men of any evangelical denomination who are preparing for the Christian ministry, such favor not extending to the usual endowment regular course. Tuition is remitted to the daughters of home or foreign missionaries.

The annual Berkeley sermon will be preached in Yale College Chapel during the early part of next term. The first service will be held on Jan. 11, and the others will follow upon the five succeeding evenings. The preachers, so far as secured, will be as follows: Jan. 11, Bishop Williams of Connecticut; 13th, the Rev. W. A. Snively of Albany, N. Y.; 15th, the Rev. W. H. Huntington of Worcester, Mass.; Feb. 8, the Rev. Phillips Brooks of Boston, Mass.; 17th, Bishop Cox of Western New-York. The appointment for Feb. 1 has not yet been filled, but will be announced in due time.

The Baltimore Sun says that "even in Washington, the headquarters of experimental philanthropy, the colored population have been persuaded by the very nature of the case that it is not expedient to attempt mixed schools." The state of feeling on this subject must be recognized as a fact by anything that deserves the name of practical statesmanship. The associations of children in schools will be controlled by their parents and by the public sentiment of their respective localities. Any law which runs contrary to this will become a dead letter on the statute book. It can only have the effect of breaking up the public schools in those sections where it is disapproved.

James Freeman Clarke writes concerning the need of some improvement in the text-books for our public schools that "the selection now depends on the superior business energy of one or another publisher. The smartest man pushes his books, good or bad. I was in the State Board of Education in Massachusetts for several years, and I proposed in that Board that we should appoint a body of the best scholars in the whole community to select a list of school books, the names and description of which we should publish in a circular and send to all teachers and school committees in the State. But the majority of the Board declared that, if we did this, the publishers would have our Board abolished in a year. I told them we could not die in a better cause, but they did not see it."

Seventy-five students have entered the Massachusetts Normal Art School. More than half of this number are ladies. The Director of the School, Mr. Walter Smith, says, concerning them, that "if it be found that in this race the pace is too severe for women, and they have to fall out of the ranks to save themselves, then, as that will be their own act and save and not be thrust upon them by others, no one can complain, and the world will be grateful that one phase of this interesting subject has been fairly tested and fairly solved. The most strenuous advocates of women's rights have, I believe, never asked for more than a fair field and no favor, and here they have it most completely. For my part, experience has educated me upon this question, and I have never had but one part in any scheme which deliberately ignored in one-half the human race facilities of the utmost value, which are proved to exist and await development; and I have seen nothing in this country to change my opinion, but very much to confirm it."

Professor W. D. Whitney of Yale says that no small number of persons in this country are beginning every year the study of Sanskrit, and to any one who takes up the study himself without a teacher, he is accustomed to recommend William's Grammar, because it is more intelligible and easily managed than Max Müller's. For reading he suggests that the student can hardly do better than to take Bopp's "Natus" (a story extracted from the great epic poem called the Mahabharata), with superlative Latin version of the text and of prose; third edition, Berlin, 1868, 2 vols., along with the same author's Glossarium Sanscritum by way of lexicon (third edition, Berlin, 1867, 64 thalers).

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GERMAN LANGUAGES: Norton S. Townshend, M. D., Professor of Agriculture; R. W. McFarland, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Civil Engineering, and Instructor in Military Tactics; John Henry Wright, A. B., Assistant Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages.

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LITERARY NOTES.

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